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REMARKS

Claims 1-6

Claim 1 is an independent claim, from which claims 3-6 ultimately depend. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to at least substantially incorporate the subject matter of claims 8, 10, and 11, which were all indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable, such that claims 3-6 are allowable due to their dependence on an allowable independent claim.

Claims 7-15

Claim 7 is an independent claim, from which claims 9-15 ultimately depend. Claims 8-11 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, and which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 8 directly depends from claim 7. Applicant has amended claim 7 to include the subject matter of claim 8, and has cancelled claim 8. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 7 is allowable, such that claims 9-15 are allowable at least due to their dependence on an allowable independent claim.

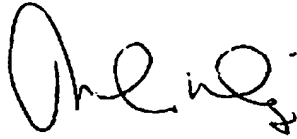
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Conclusion

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the pending claims in condition for allowance, and request that they so be allowed. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. For these reasons, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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